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(SBU) Per reftel request, EconOff delivered Ethiopia's 2010 MCC Scorecard to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) U.S. Desk Officer Adam Tesfaye on November 4. Tesfaye, who was quite familiar with the MCC, recalled receiving delivery of "scorecards filled with bad news for the past three to four years," and lamented that Ethiopia "is not making any progress" toward an MCA Compact. Tesfaye said the MFA and Ministry of Finance and Economic Development had commissioned studies to determine how they might improve their indicators, had reached the conclusion that they would not likely qualify for a compact in the near future, and were therefore not motivated to take action to improve specific indicators. Noting that it is unfortunate that the MCC Scorecard does not measure the progress Ethiopia has made, Tesfaye commented that "the U.S. knows what is going on in Ethiopia better than any other country in the world, so looking at these details is discouraging."
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